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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr. The attached sets forth statements made by one of the local officers regarding the conversation that took place between James Earl Ray and the officer who accompanied Ray during transfer from Memphis to Tennessee State Prison, Nashville. Ray stated that about 90% of the information appearing in "Look" magazine (written by William Bradford Huie) were lies. Ray compared the British jails with the Shelby County jails and stated a "Federal man" had the Shelby County jail windows boarded.

The reference to the "Federal man" apparently pertains to U. S. Bureau of Prison personnel who consulted with local authorities relative to Ray's incarceration at Memphis.

Attached statement being furnished to the Department.

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